

Word Families



Word families are groups of words that are closely related to each other to form a family. They usually have short vowel combinations and those in the family have the same letter combinations and sound. For example, in, tin, win, and fin are a family of words with the "in" sound and letter combination in common.

The most common word families in English are:-

ack, ain, ake, ale, all, ame, an, ank, ap, ash, at, ate, aw ay, eat, ell, est, ice, ick, ide, ight, ill, in, ine, ing, ink, ip, it, ock, oke, op, ore, ot, uck ,ug, ump, unk,

Please review these word families by placing them on cards just like the sight words. Play I spy games etc with them. Make words by placing a letter/blend in front of the word family. Your child will become familiar with these families and will readily spy them within their reading (remember chunking). There are many interesting and

interactive sites that you may wish to view. Some are:-

<http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/wordfamily/>

http://www.hillcrest.logan.k12.ut.us/web/html/ESL.html/Word_Family_Activity_Book.pdf

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/meet-word-families>

<http://www.kidzone.ws/phonics/activity1.htm>

Regards

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